

The Federal Communications Commission is about to do the best thing in the world and accelerate the lowering of artistic and social expression in the mass media by allowing even greater monopoly ownership of media outlets than we have currently. With no competition and incentive to try new formats and only a few major players at the highest level, people will be forced, by their human instinct to achieve meaningful relation to their fellows, to form new media networks, non-commercial in nature, as currently exemplified by the Pacifica network and its 5 radio stations. Perhaps there will be a television internet version of Pacifica or other kinds of mass-alternative media for thinking people, or else maybe we'll sit and blankly stare as "American Idol" merges with "Survivor" and contestants are forced to sing their way off a desert island. Whatever Rupert says goes, from now on! PEACE. Brian O'Haire, alternative media producer: Show for the Workers